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The Ayres store will be closed all day, but makes up for that shortcoming by offering a "double bill" for to-morrow—

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Hardwood Floors laid, finished and refinished.

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QUAKER BREAD

If you like good bread buy ours.
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J. C. SIPE, IMPORTER
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INDIANAPOLIS.

THE FLOUR OUTPUT.

What the Local Mills Produced During the Last Year.

In the year 1899 the local flouring mills turned out 542,741 barrels of flour, against 530,071 barrels in 1898, and against 544,454 barrels in 1897. The capacity of the local mills is 95,000 barrels a month and it will be seen that, like the two preceding years, the output of 1899 was only about 60 per cent. of the capacity of the mills.

Inspections for 1899.

In the month of December there were inspected by the Board of Trade inspectors 105,000 bushels of wheat, against 117,600 in December, 1898; corn, 525,000 bushels, against 542,200 in 1898; oats, 23,000 bushels, against 21,000 in December, 1898. The inspections for the year 1899 were: Wheat, 1,551,000 bushels, against 1,574,900 in 1898; corn, 7,367,300 bushels, against 6,103,000 in 1898; oats, 318,000 bushels, against 327,000 in 1898. From this statement it will be seen that in the year 1899 there were 1,157,200 more bushels of grain inspected by the Board of Trade inspectors than in the year 1898.

A STORE BURGLARIZED.

Gauspohl's Grocery, on North Delaware Street, Broken Into.

The grocery of George Gauspohl, at 126 North Delaware street, was burglarized about midnight Saturday night. When Mr. Gauspohl entered the store yesterday morning he found things in considerable disorder and made an investigation, with the result that he found a large number of eggs and a quantity of tobacco missing. The cash drawer had also been broken open, but as it had been emptied before the store was closed the thieves were not able to get anything. The entrance was effected by prying open a rear window. There is no clue as to the identity of the thieves.

Big Bargains in Music Boxes.

We have all makes. See us before buying and save money. WILSON'S, 130 N. 13th and 130th Pennsylvania streets, SON.

THE VALUE OF THE PAST

DISCUSSED BY REV. J. A. MILBURN, OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN.

Why People Are Perjudiced Against the English Nation—Sermon of Rev. George M. Smith.

"It is quite the habit of the ministry to take a morbid view of the past," said Rev. Joseph A. Milburn in his sermon last night at the Second Presbyterian Church. "Many sermons have been preached in this country to-day, and, I suppose, in all Christian countries, upon such themes as the evanescence, the fugitiveness of time, the occasional tendency of the moments and years. Others, I doubt not, have spoken a very different word about the irreparableness of the past. A very great man once preached a sermon upon that theme, and ever since he preached that sermon men and women have reaffirmed his doctrine, saying the past is quite unchangeable, that what is written is written, and what is done is done forever and cannot be undone. I suppose there is no day in the year when so much sophistry is spoken as to-day, so much of untruth—not intentional, because ministers do not preach intentional falsehood—but just simply because the average man is under the power and habit of tradition. Ministers—a majority of them—like other people, have a very large tendency to see parrot-like repetition of platitudes. Some man has thought this and said this, and, simply because it is so much easier for a man to think with another man's head than to think with his own, we are so disposed to get up and say just what the other man has said, and therefore we keep talking nonsense about the evanescence of the past, and other nonsense about the irreparableness of the past. There never were two such fallacious statements as these propositions so utterly wanting in the element of sanity as these two propositions: 'The past is quite unchangeable' and 'The past is quite evanescent' and wide this Sabbath day."

Mr. Milburn argued that the past is valuable, because it is the basis of our present. He said that a good deal of wrong thinking, of prejudice, is due to the fact that men forget the past so readily. His concluding words were as follows:

Let the past be an inspiration to you, a principle of enlightenment and expansion. I find in this Nation to-day so many people prejudiced against the English nation, that they do not know how to understand the past, that is why they are ignorant and therefore have no gratitude. And in the midst of the grandeur that should be theirs, is hate that should not be. Why, you owe all you are to her; all that you have, all that is in you, is from her. She has taken from her loins. She has taught you how to think great thoughts, she has taught your poets how to sing sweet songs, and it is upon her achievements that the edifice of liberty is built up. Why this antipathy? Why this senseless hatred of the mother? Ah, it has the same root that all antipathies have, a blindness to the story of the past. Let us know what has been done yesterday, in order that we may think more wisely to-day. Let us know what has been achieved yesterday in order that we may achieve yet more sublime to-day. Let us know what we have done yesterday, so that we may, as the poet says, 'rise on the stepping stones of our dead selves to higher and sublimer things.'"

AT HALL-PLACE CHURCH.

Remarks of the Pastor, Rev. George M. Smith, Yesterday Morning.

Rev. George M. Smith, pastor of Hall-place M. E. Church, preached yesterday morning from the following text, found in Hebrews vii: "See thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mountain." The pastor said in part:

"It is not easy to think in the abstract. Man naturally seeks an embodiment of his ideas. The old Greeks and Romans peopled their creation with gods and heroes. We ourselves are not exempt from the mythical. Our federal government in its dealings with other nations is personified in George Washington. Our ideal of the rights and liberties of the American people is represented by Columbus, fair, beautiful and almost divine. Our idea of time is embodied in an old man with a long white beard and flowing hair, and white locks falling over his shoulders. In his hand he holds a scythe ready for the harvest. I saw the old year dying. He was lying upon a couch of withered leaves. Over him stretched the bare branches of the trees as though they would shelter him from the cold of the snow. The wintry winds as they swept by moaned like a mother weeping for her slain minister of God, said the dying year, 'The night hour is coming and I must depart forever. Hear my last message. I came from heaven to bring you the good news of God. I have performed my duty faithfully and well. When I am gone tell the sinner he is now one year nearer the destiny of the wicked. Tell the righteous that as I swept by like a moving train, I have left behind me a trail of blessing. Tell the far away and upward their 'father's house of many mansions.' Tell the mourner that the trusting loved ones caught up from his grave and given into the hands of a loving Father. Finally, tell the world when I am gone not to weep for me, but to welcome with joy my successor, the new year, that comes as I came, laden with the goodness of God. Tell men and women to love their fellow men, their love and their lives and soon some happy year will bear them to that brighter world where the years never roll and the inhabitants never grow old."

"I propose the text as a motto for the new year. 'See thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mountain.' There are three elements essential to a perfect workman, faithfulness, skill and a perfect pattern. None of these essential elements. He was a faithful leader. He commanded the skill of all artists, the pattern of the universe. But Moses might have cast that pattern aside and made a new one. He might have made his own and built magnificently; but so all the people would have applauded the pattern of the building by one standard, the pattern given in the mountain."

"Every person may have the three essential elements of success. We can be faithful. Faithfulness develops skill and God gives the perfect pattern of our lives when we are faithful. It is true that in the mind of God there is a pattern of our life as there was of the tabernacle, can I tell you that the pattern of our life is a blundering and trembling to know that some day I am to be judged by a standard I have never seen? No, there is a mountain where the secret plan of my life is revealed. As the mountain is where the bending heavens seem to touch the earth, and humanity and there above the world in Him we see God's idea of a perfect man. We may have our personalities and problems peculiar to ourselves, but when we have with our best intelligence harmonized our lives with the Christ life, we have done the will of God. When the building of the tabernacle began, Moses went up into the mountain and saw the pattern again. How much greater our privilege? Hour by hour and moment by moment we may look above the foggy realities of the world to our perfect pattern, to heaven's idea and build safely and build gloriously for eternity."

MASS AT ST. JOHN'S.

New Year's Services Began at 4 o'clock This Morning.

The first solemn mass of the new year was announced to be sung at St. John's Church at 4 o'clock this morning, to be followed by low masses at 6, 7:30 and 9 o'clock. The first mass was sung at 4 o'clock, with 10:30 o'clock, and the music rendered will be of a very high order. Vespers will be sung this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Rev. Francis H. Gavisk, who preached the sermon at St. John's yesterday morning, read Bishop Chadwick's pastoral, re-

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

ANNUAL CONGRESS OF INDIANA INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

Open Session Will Be Held at Statehouse To-Morrow—Programme for the Week.

The congress of Indiana Industrial Associations, which holds the opening session of its annual meeting for 1900 at the Capitol building to-morrow, promises to be one of the largest meetings within the history of the congress. Aside from the great efforts made by those who are personally interested in industrial pursuits, to make these meetings a success, the fact that there is a pretty warm light on the secretaryship of the State Board of Agriculture to succeed C. F. Kennedy, whose term expires in January, will be the factor in bringing many people to the meetings to assist their respective candidates. A new and attractive feature of this congress will be the meetings of the Horticultural Society, which has heretofore held its meetings at a different time of the year, and meets for the first time with the congress of Indiana Industrial Associations this year. This society will have a display of fruits which is said to be very fine. The following programme has been prepared for the meetings this week:

The Indiana Delegate State Board of Agriculture, forty-eight annual convention, Room 12, Statehouse.

First district, John C. Haines, Lake, Ind.; Second district, Mason J. Niblack, Vincennes, Ind.; Third district, W. W. Stevens, Salem, Ind.; Fourth district, E. A. Robinson, Rockland, Ind.; Seventh district, H. B. Howland, Howland, Ind.; Fourteenth district, Aaron Jones, South Bend, Ind.; Sixteenth district, James E. McGowan, Ellettsburg, Ind.

Members of board whose terms expire January 1, 1901: Fifth district, H. L. Nowlin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sixth district, W. W. Porter, Hagerstown, Ind.; Eighth district, Charles Downing, Greenfield, Ind.; Ninth district, J. D. Williams, Vincennes, Ind.; Tenth district, John L. Davis, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Eleventh district, M. S. Claypool, Muncie, Ind.; Twelfth district, W. C. Edwards, Lafayette, Ind.; Thirteenth district, John L. Thompson, Gary, Ind.

—Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1900—President, W. W. Porter, Salem; secretary, Charles F. Kennedy, Indianapolis. 10 a. m. Invocation.

Welcome Address—Thomas Taggart, Mayor of Indianapolis. 10:30 a. m. Registration of delegates.

Address by president, W. W. Porter. Appointment of committees. Reports of secretary and treasurer. Reports of general and department superintendents.

—Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock—Indiana State Association of Fair Managers—Annual meeting, H. E. Nowlin, Indianapolis, president; William M. Blackstock, Lafayette, Ind., secretary.

Report of officers. "Success in Fair Management," discussion led by Hon. Robert Mitchell, Princeton, Ind.

"Our Duty as Citizens of Indiana to the State Board of Agriculture," discussion led by J. D. Williams, Vincennes, Ind.

"Neglected Subjects in Fair Management," discussion led by Hon. Charles Downing, Greenfield, Ind.

Opportunity will be given for general consideration of numerous economic topics incident to all county and district fairs, also to the subjects of Fair Dates, Informal and Formal, and "Cool Selling."

"Amusements," "Advertising," etc.

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SERMON ON NEW CENTURY

DISCOURSE OF REV. T. J. VILLERS, OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Some of the Problems Confronting the Christian Church Discussed by the Pastor.

Rev. T. J. Villers, of the First Baptist Church, preached a sermon yesterday touching on the opening of the new century and the problems confronting the Christian Church. He said in part:

"On Whittier's eighty-fourth birthday Holmes sent him a letter, saying: 'I congratulate you on having climbed a new glacier and crossed another crevasse in the ascent of the white summit which already begins to see the morning twilight of the coming century. Since that congratulatory was offered we have crossed several treacherous crevasses and